

## GENERAL NOTES

The total German casualties since the beginning of the war were placed at 4,010,160 in an official summary issued by the British government.

Wireless warnings to allied shipping against a German raider in the North Atlantic, were again sent out Saturday. The warning in English and French said: "Enemy raider may be encountered. Take all precautions."

Lieut. Col. H. G. Bishop and Lieut. William A. Robertson, army officers, missing since Wednesday, when they left San Diego in an airplane, have been found in Mexico, one hundred miles south of the border, where they made a forced landing.

A law to make the smoking of a cigarette an arrestable offense was passed by a committee of the whole in the Oklahoma house of representatives. If the bill becomes a law it will be unlawful to offer cigarettes for sale or give them away. Cigarette papers also are tabooed.

Admiral George Dewey is extremely ill, and due to his age his condition is feared to be dangerous. The hero of Manila Bay was 70 years old last month. He has been suffering from a severe cold for several days and has grown worse steadily, suffering a sinking spell late Saturday night.

According to reports current in well informed marine circles the German commercial submarine Deutschland left Bremen January 2, bound for New London. Officials of the Eastern Forwarding Company were not in the city Friday night and efforts to obtain verification from other sources were unavailing.

A monument to Jefferson Davis will be erected soon at Fairview, Ky., birthplace of the Confederate president. "by the women and men of the Southern Confederacy" at a cost of \$150,000. Gen. Julian S. Carr, millionaire manufacturer, announced at Durham, N. C., Saturday night. The monument, an obelisk, will be 350 feet high.

Answering a statement by the British admiralty on the subject of armed merchantmen, the German admiralty says: "Hostile merchantmen carry armament in order to attack. The British navy is acting according to the principle that attack is best defense. This last has been proved by orders issued and the actual execution of which will decide our course of action."

Buffalo's record grain fleet of eighty-two freighters carrying over 25,000,000 bushels of grain, mostly for foreign countries, is being unloaded at the elevators in that city. Before this task could be undertaken, grain interests were forced to search the whole country for available freight cars to move from the elevators a great store of grain accumulated before the close of navigation.

The house, in committee of the whole, late Saturday afternoon struck from the postal appropriation bill the provision designed to raise postage on second class mail—newspapers and magazines—and also the proposal to reduce the postage on local letter mail to one cent. The provision making catalogues and like matter third class mail was also stricken out.

The United States cruiser Milwaukee, which has been engaged in an effort to pull the submarine H3 off the sandbar on which she drifted recently, went aground early Saturday in a fog near the scene. At 8 o'clock Saturday morning life-savers reported that she was in the first line of breakers near Samoa. The life-saving crew was rushed to the scene, preparing to take off the Milwaukee's company should her position prove dangerous.

The Chicago Board of Education by a vote of 14 to 3, decided to install a system of military training, with rifles and uniforms, in Chicago's public high schools. The plan approved is in accordance with the requirements of the War Department and will be under the direction of Capt. Edgar Z. Steever. The pupils will be required to furnish their own uniforms and the rifles will be supplied by the United States Government. The military training course will be effective. The system will be installed as soon as

the necessary arrangements can be made.

When Robert J. Ale, president of the University of Maine, was graduated from Valparaiso, Indiana, university 35 years ago, he didn't have \$3 to pay for his diploma. Ale entered the university without money. He worked as caretaker around the stables of an official of the university, shined shoes and did odd jobs. On commencement day he was "broke," but he borrowed his room-mate's best suit and was graduated. "I won't accept the diploma until I can pay for it," he said. The other day he sent \$3 and got his diploma.

## Fire at Adrian.

Adrian was again visited by a very destructive fire about one o'clock Monday morning when the business house on the south side of Main street owned by Dr. S. L. Bates and occupied by a grocery store owned by Fred Hanley, was burned to the ground.

The loss on the grocery store was about \$2,500, with \$1800 insurance.

The upper floor was occupied by the office of Dr. S. L. Bates & Son. The doctors lost all of their instruments, office fixtures and library. There was no insurance on the building or the doctors' office.

As Adrian has no waterworks and no adequate means to fight fire when a building catches fire it usually burns to the ground. It would seem that the reduced rates on insurance alone would be an incentive to put in a good system of waterworks.

## THEY SAY—

Don't laugh at the man who makes a New Year's resolution and then breaks it. He is not half so comical as the one who thinks he has no faults to correct. —Frich Herald.

The State legislature should proceed with its business and not worry over the woes of Judge Lamm's chief St. Louis backers who lost \$20,000 in election bets and has been howling ever since. —Henry County Democrat.

It is to be earnestly hoped that when the law again takes charge of murderer Harry K. Thaw, that something real will be done to him. Such scoundrels as Thaw deserve to be put out of harm's way and should not be allowed to escape just punishment because they have money—which talks. —St. Joseph Observer.

Harry Thaw is a malodorous moneyed person whose mission in life it has been to prove to a long-suffering public that, while American justice may not be bought and sold outright, a man with unlimited money in hand may invoke the processes of obstruction and delay, and, by the exercise of patience, finally arrive at exactly the same goal as that reached in ruder and simpler times through the outright purchase of Judges and juries. Harry Thaw is the strongest argument just now available for law reform. What says Missouri? —St. Louis Republic.

Judge Lamm's contest over his election shows the calibre of the man the Republicans would have had conducting the affairs of the state. Lamm has, probably, been persuaded to act the part of a "squealer" by the bosses in the Republican party in the state. The people of Missouri should congratulate themselves that Judge Lamm was defeated. A man who can not stand defeat in an election without showing his streak of yellow is not the kind of a man Missouri wants in the mansion at Jefferson City. Let us all give thanks for Gardner's election. —Milan Standard.

The Missouri National Guard sent 5,030 men to Texas when the call came for the mobilization of troops to patrol the Mexican Border, and there the men were stationed for six months. It may be of interest to campaign orators, who like to hear themselves harangue patient, tolerant audiences, to know that among those 5,030 men from Missouri during that active service there was only one death from illness or disease. The Missouri brigade was declared by all officers, including Major-General Fred Funston, to be the equal of any troops, either regular or National Guard, at the front. Most of the Missouri troops are now either at home or on their way. —Cass County Democrat.

## THAW CUTS THROAT

To Escape Arrest, The Slayer Attempted Suicide in Philadelphia Today.

Philadelphia, Jan. 11.—Harry Kendall Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, and now wanted in New York to answer an indictment charging that he flogged Frederick Gump, jr., of Kansas City, cut his throat and wrists in a West Philadelphia apartment this afternoon in an effort to commit suicide.

The house where Thaw was found is within a short distance of the street where Thaw was in a motor accident last May. It was a damage suit instituted against his mother, the owner of the machine, that brought Thaw here last Monday to defend the action.

How the detectives learned that Thaw was in west Philadelphia they do not say. When they were asked by the New York authorities to apprehend him on a warrant charging him with assaulting Frederick Gump, jr., of Kansas City, they made a search of the city and were convinced that he had left.

Although he was one of the most widely known men in America it was impossible to get a line on his whereabouts. He was gone as completely as if he had vanished in the air.

Thaw went to the Taco home at 10:30 o'clock this morning and begged the woman to permit him to remain a while. Realizing the consequences of such an act should the police find the fugitive in her home, Mrs. Taco called an official of a detective agency and asked his advice.

Shortly afterward the official went to detective headquarters and arranged for the delivery of Thaw to the authorities. Thaw is supposed to have agreed to the surrender. At the last moment as he saw the detective cordon forming around the house, Thaw slashed himself.

## Evelyn Nesbit Expected It

New York, Jan. 11.—Warning that "Harry Thaw may commit another homicide" was issued to the public today by Evelyn Nesbit, former wife of Harry Thaw, now Mrs. Jack Clifford.

"He is a dangerous man to be at large," said Evelyn, "and he should be confined at once for the safety of the public. The late Dr. Austin Flint said to me: 'Thaw's disease will again manifest itself. He will first flagellate a woman and a boy then finally kill some one.'"

Mrs. Clifford said she was "sorry for Thaw."

## Radford's Dispersion Sale.

I will disperse my herd of live stock at public sale 2 miles north and 5 miles west of Butler, 2 miles south and 4 miles west of Passaic 2 miles north and 4 miles east of Virginia, on the John Woody farm.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 1917.

60 head of live stock.  
43 Head of Cattle—8 yearling heifers, 9 two-year-old heifers, 14 cows to be fresh soon, 6 cows with calf by side. This is all good young stuff.

10 Head Horses and Mules—1 pair farm mares weight 2700 in foal by horse, 1 pair 4-year-old mules 15 hands high, 1 pair mules coming 6 and 7 years old, 15 1-2 hands high, 1 horse mule coming 4 years old 15 hands high, 1 black horse 4 years old weight 1300, 1 mare mule 2 years old.

Some Brood Sows and Shoats.  
TERMS:—All sums of \$10 and under cash. On sums over \$10 a credit of 9 months time will be given on bankable note to bear 8 per cent interest from date. 2 per cent discount for cash. Nothing to be removed from grounds until settled for.

Ladies Aid of the Christian church of Virginia will serve lunch.

L. S. RADFORD.  
Col. C. E. Robbins, Col. L. A. Poteet, Auctioneers.

M. C. Wilcox, Clerk.

## THE END TO BUFFALO BILL

Famous Plainsman Died in Denver, Colorado.

Denver, Col. Jan. 10.—Col. William Frederick Cody (Buffalo Bill), soldier, hunter and scout, died at 12:05 o'clock this afternoon at the home of his sister.

With Colonel Cody when he died were his wife, daughter (who had hurried down from Cody, Wyo., the family home, last week to be at his bedside and the sister, Mrs. L. E. Decker, of Denver.

## School Meeting Program.

This meeting will be held in the Butler Circuit Court Room, January 16, 1917. It will be composed of the teachers, school officers and patrons of Mt. Pleasant, Summit, Lone Oak, Charlotte, Mound and Deepwater townships, and the towns of Hume, Rich Hill, Butler and Adrian. All those interested in better schools are most cordially invited to be present at this meeting. Your presence will be greatly appreciated.

The following program will be rendered:

- 1:15. Devotional exercises, Elder R. M. Talbert.
- 1:30. Demonstration Lesson in Primary Reading, Miss Jessie Ray.
- 1:50. The Junior High School Dean C. A. Phillips of Warrensburg.
- 2:45. History and Current events, Prof. C. H. McClure, of Warrensburg.
- 3:30. Illustrated Lecture on the Consolidated Rural High School, Prof. Alphonse Gorrell.
- Mr. McClure is at the head of the history department of the Warrensburg Normal, and will give you something worth while on the importance of teaching current events in connection with history. You will be pleased if you will come to hear him.
- Mr. Gorrell has ordered some slides from the United States Bureau of Education on the consolidated rural high school and will be able to give a very interesting lecture and show you some very fine pictures on this subject. You can not afford to miss this lecture.

A. C. Moreland.

## Kansas City High Schools to Have Military Training.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 14.—Military training will be installed in the high schools of Kansas City and Polytechnic Institute the beginning of the next semester, January 22, according to Capt. E. Z. Steever of Washington, national director of military training in the public schools. Lieut. R. C. Baird of the United States Infantry will have active charge of the local installation and will be assisted by two noncommissioned officers.

"The benefits of the school training plan are countless," Capt. Steever said. "Besides the physical assets military training brings it offers great mental and moral improvement. School military training not only builds up the boy's sense of responsibility, makes him ambitious, resourceful and hard working, but it gets him away in part from petty social duties. It makes him better balanced."

The "troop leadership game" will be one of the features introduced. Capt. Steever told the boys of the four games that will induce competition between the schools. They are military drill, the troop leadership game, wall scaling and rifle practice. He showed how the hundreds of boys at the schools will be able to take an active part in these forms of competition while strictly athletic sports involve only a few.

## Farm Job for Roach?

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 14.—Because of his summons to Washington today by the Missouri delegation in Congress it is believed in Jefferson City that former Secretary of State Cornelius Roach will be appointed a director in the Federal Farm Loan Bank when it is organized.

Henry F. Woodward of St. Louis also is an applicant for the place and has the active support of Speaker Champ Clark in whose district he formerly resided.

Senator Stone is said to be neutral.

Senator Reed and the other Congressmen are for Roach and have been pushing his candidacy.

## Mrs. Virginia Armstrong Dead.

Mrs. Virginia Armstrong, widow of the late Judge John Armstrong died at her home on Ohio street Saturday evening after a long illness of heart trouble.

The deceased was born in Illinois March 1, 1844, and has been a resident of this county since 1880. She is survived by two daughters, Miss Bessie Armstrong of this city and Mrs. C. F. Hardy, of Lincoln, Nebraska, and one son, George Armstrong, of this city.

The remains were taken to Hume Sunday and funeral services conducted at the Hume Methodist church and interment made in the Independence cemetery, beside her husband, who died November 31, 1916.

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If it's weak kidneys you must set the kidneys working right.

A Butler resident tells you how.

Mrs. Amanda M. Ryan, 511 S. Mechanic St., Butler, says: "I used to suffer much from kidney trouble. I had a heavy, dragging ache in my back and it seemed as though there were heavy weights pulling on my kidneys. When at my housework if I lifted anything or even sat down or got up out of a chair, a sharp twinge caught me in my back. Then too my kidneys often acted irregularly. Doan's Kidney Pills, procured from Ludwick's Drug Store fixed me up quickly. Occasional use since then has kept me in good health and free from kidney trouble."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Ryan had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

## Farmer Killed Over Old Duel.

Macon, Mo., Jan. 15.—In a dispute over an account of forty years' standing, between Switzer Stacy and Charles Davis, farmers, the former was shot and killed and Davis wounded in the shoulder yesterday afternoon near Callao. Davis says he had no pistol, that Stacy shot at him and in the scuffle following the pistol was again discharged and Stacy killed. Davis declares he did not have the pistol in his hand at any time. Both men belong to well known families.

## One Month Old Calf Sells for \$400.00.

The high cost of beef is well illustrated by the sale of a Holstein bull calf belonging to the College of Agriculture of the University of Missouri for \$400 to the agricultural division of the University of Nevada. At the time of the sale the calf was less than one month old. It will be kept on the University farm until it is six months old before shipped to the buyer.



## Here's a Vacation Tip

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